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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 2004
TO: School Nutrition Program Sponsors
FROM: Governor Janet Napolitano and Superintendent Tom Horne
RE: Governor's Office, Arizona Department of Education and KidsCare Alliance

Currently in Arizona, one in every five children lacks health insurance. This has an effect on over 253,000 of our students. A substantial number of these children come from low-income families who are either eligible for, or participate in, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). It is for this reason that we have collaborated in an attempt to provide KidsCare information specifically to these ideal candidates. The program utilizes the NSLP's multi-use application for free and reduced-price meals to offer information to Arizona families about free or low cost health insurance for children.

We realize that Food Service Directors are the key component in the success of this program. We ask for your full participation in utilizing the new multi-use application with KidsCare, found at www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/parentforms/2004-2005. The new application will come with the following updated procedures:

- ❖ Download and complete the **AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY AND AHCCCS REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF CHILDREN** online at: www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/parentforms/2004-2005.
 - The Determining Official of the School Food Authority **MUST** sign the agreement and the agreement must be kept on file with the SFA.
- ❖ Examine all returned applications to determine if the KidsCare field of the application has been completed.
- ❖ Make copies of all applications that have both questions in the KidsCare field check marked **YES**, and that have the signature of an adult household member.
- ❖ Mail all application copies to:
**KidsCare
Mail Drop 500
920 E. Madison
Phoenix, AZ 85034**

For further assistance, please contact the School Health and Nutrition Office at the Arizona Department of Education 602-542-8700 or toll free at 1-800-352-4558.

For more information on KidsCare go to: www.kidscare.state.az.us/Default.asp